

Raleigh Safety Club

513 Branch Street

Safety Club

The Raleigh Safety Club is located in the South Park neighborhood of Southeast Raleigh. The club was founded in 1948 by local African Americans to promote health and safety in the neighborhood. On Sunday evenings, Safety Club served as a family recreation center with gospel programs in the evening.

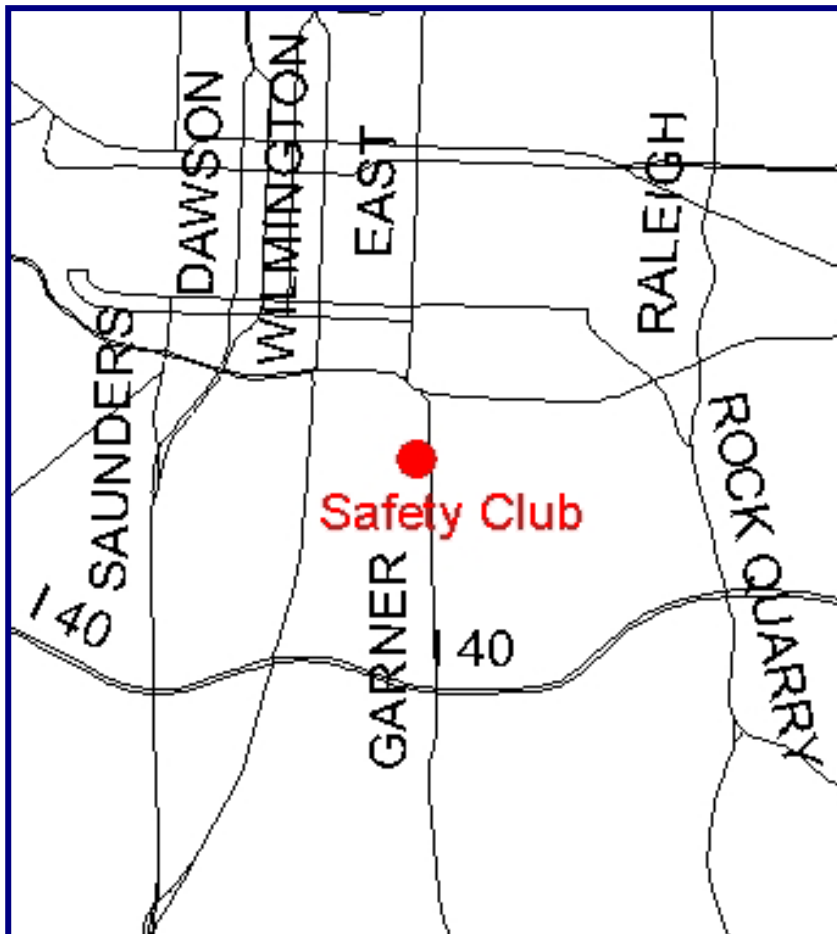
Over time the building fell into disrepair, but was acquired in 2002 by Passage Home for physical restoration. Today, the Raleigh Safety Club houses many similar programs as it did in the past.

Today, Safety Club houses Passage Home offices, is the base of operations

for the Weed and Seed program, and offers a variety of training and social services. Safety Club facilities can be rented to the public for neighborhood activities. They also have a free library and computer lab for community use.

The City of Raleigh contributed \$220,000 to help renovate Safety Club and to fund social programs. The Raleigh Capital Improvement program added \$18,000 to the renovation effort. Additional funds came from BB&T (\$500,000), Progress Energy (\$25,000), and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) (\$200,000). The renovation was completed in 2004





2006 Summer Youth Program



Structural Improvements during renovation



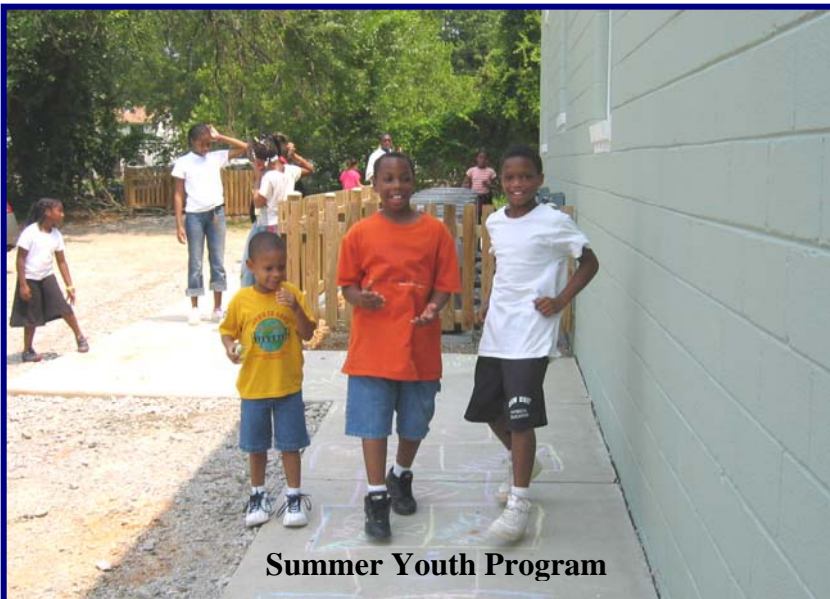
Grand Opening



Before Renovation



Summer Youth Program



Computer Lab

